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In re Application of: )  
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Serial No. To Be Assigned )  
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For: Vehicle-Mounted Input Unit for )  
Centralized Operation of Various )  
Vehicle-Mounted Electronic Devices )  
with Single Manual Manipulator )



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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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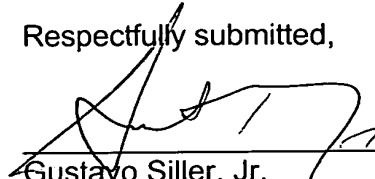
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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